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Note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations presents its compliments to Ambassador Vitaly I. Churkin, President of the Security Council for the month of October 2016, and has the honour to forward the following documents from the Government of South Sudan:

- Two Presidential Decrees, each dated 15 October 2016 (see annexes I and II)
- A letter dated 30 September 2016 (see annex III), a letter dated 16 October 2016 (see annex IV) and a letter dated 19 October 2016 (see annex V), each from the Minister of Cabinet Affairs of the Republic of South Sudan, Martin Elia Lomurō
- Two notes verbales, each dated 15 October 2016, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (see annexes VI and VII)

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan would appreciate it if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Vitaly I. Churkin, President of the Security Council for the month of October 2016, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Annex I to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 15 October 2016 from the President of South Sudan

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15 October 2016

The Republic of South Sudan

Republican Order No. 23/2016 for the Formation of the Humanitarian High-level Oversight Committee, 2016 A.D

1. Title and commencement:

This Order shall be cited as "The Republican Order No. 23/2016 for the Formation of the Humanitarian High-level Oversight Committee, 2016 A.D.", and shall come into force on the date of its signature by the President of the Republic.

2. The Order:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under article 101 (j) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011, I, Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, do hereby issue this Republican Order for the Formation of the Humanitarian High-level Oversight Committee, composed of the following members as hereunder:

S/No	Name in full	Institution	Position
1.	Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro	Minister of Cabinet Affairs	Chairperson
2.	Hon. Hussein Mar Nyuot	Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management	Member
3.	Hon. Awut Deng Achuil	Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare	Member
4.	Lt. Gen. Mangar Buong	Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations — Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA)	Member
5.	Lt. Gen. Akol Koor Kuc	Director General of the Internal Security Bureau — National Security Service	Member
6.	Lt. Gen. James Biel Ruot	Deputy Inspector General of Police	Member
7.	Professor Lokulenge Lole	Chairperson of the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission	Member

S.No	Name in full	Institution	Position
8.	Head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	Member
9.	Representative of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)	UNMISS	Member

3. The terms of reference of the Committee:

The terms of reference for the Committee shall be as hereunder:

(1) To ensure that the non-governmental organization desk operates effectively without restrictions;

(2) To remove all roadblocks and illegal imposition of taxes on the humanitarian convoys;

(3) To instruct and direct all states and local governments to cooperate with humanitarian personnel;

(4) To render any available assistance to officials and personnel engaged in the process of conducting humanitarian services;

(5) To ensure that persons found to obstruct delivery of humanitarian assistance shall face the full force of the law; and

(6) The Committee shall co-opt other members as they deem necessary.

Issued under my hand and seal of the Republic of South Sudan, in Juba, this fifteenth day of the month of October, in the year 2016 A.D.

(*Signed*) Salva Kiir **Mayardit**
President Republic of South Sudan
Juba

Annex II to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 15 October 2016 from the President of South Sudan

RSS/RO/1/24/2016

15 October 2016

The Republic of South Sudan

Republican Order No. 24/2016 Directing and Instructing the Ministerial Committee of the Transitional Government of National Unity charged with the implementation of the United Nations Security Council-Transitional Government of National Unity Communiqué of 4 September 2016 and United Nations Security Council resolution 2304 (2016) to expedite and complete its work within 14 days from the date of signing this Order, 2016 A.D.

1. Title and commencement:

This Order shall be cited as "The Republican Order No. 24/2016 Directing and Instructing the Ministerial Committee of the Transitional Government of National Unity charged with the implementation of the United Nations Security Council-Transitional Government of National Unity Communiqué of 4 September 2016 and United Nations Security Council resolution 2304 (2016) to expedite and complete its work within 14 days from the date of signing this Order, 2016 A.D", and shall come into force on the date of its signature by the President of the Republic.

2. The Order:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under article 101 (j) of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011, I, Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, do hereby issue this Republican Order Directing and Instructing the Ministerial Committee of the Transitional Government of National Unity charged with the implementation of the United Nations Security Council-Transitional Government of National Unity Communiqué of 4 September 2016 and United Nations Security Council resolution 2304 (2016) to expedite and complete its work within 14 days from the date of signing this Order, 2016 A.D.

Issued under my hand and seal of the Republic of South Sudan, in Juba, this fifteenth day of the month of October, in the year 2016 A.D.

(*Signed*) Salva Kiir **Mayardit**
President
Republic of South Sudan
Juba

Annex III to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 30 September 2016 from the Minister of Cabinet Affairs of South Sudan addressed to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America

Following the signing of the Communiqué, the team of the Transitional Government of the Republic of South Sudan, headed by myself, has continued to engage actively with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) so as to create a conducive environment to facilitate the smooth implementation of the issues of concern for the United Nations Security Council, as outlined in the Joint Communiqué of 4 September 2016. It is worth mentioning that the Cabinet endorsed the Communiqué during its regular meeting No. 14/2016, on 16 September 2016.

Today, 30 September 2916, the Council of Ministers approved the memo presented on the modalities worked out by the Transitional Government of National Unity and UNMISS technical teams. Importantly, it is now agreed that:

(1) A "one-stop shop" be established, comprising representatives of the relevant governmental and United Nations agencies, including UNMISS, to manage all the Security Council concerns (smooth unobstructed UNMISS mandate, expeditious clearance procedures and sharing of information);

(2) Regarding the provision of visas for personnel of United Nations agencies, including UNMISS, the Ministry of Interior has implemented Transitional Government directives, through a Ministerial Order issued to that effect on 17 September 2016. In that connection, multiple visas will be provided for United Nations employees working in South Sudan, while a request is to be submitted, 72 hours in advance, to the Ministry of Interior by the relevant United Nations agencies, for new employees, for necessary, routine checks, after which visas will be provided immediately, without hindrance;

(3) On unhindered and unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance across the Republic of South Sudan, the Council of Ministers reiterates an open policy for the provision of humanitarian assistance to all without exception. His Excellency, the President, will reinforce this policy by issuing an enabling Presidential Decree to that effect. Some of the critically important proposals include the following:

(1) Briefing 1 on Juba security arrangements;

(2) Briefing 2 on cantonment, unification and demobilization of forces;

(3) Harmonized Juba security arrangements, including establishment of the Joint Integrated Police Joint Operations Centre;

(4) Presentation of the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism on transitional security arrangements;

(5) Outline of "decisions reached" on transitional security arrangements during the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission workshop.

To ensure that the above agreed modalities and strategies are fully implemented, especially those the Transitional Government reached with the Security Council delegation, as in the Communiqué of 4 September 2016, the Council has confirmed and directed the Committee, headed by myself, as the Minister of Cabinet Affairs and the Chair of the Governance Cluster, to follow up and ascertain that all the proposals and modalities are implemented and progress is reported to the Council of Ministers routinely.

Our Technical Committee, including members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Opposition, effectively participated in the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission workshop on transitional security arrangements, held in Juba on 21 and22 September 2016. During the workshop, issues of cantonments, joint patrol routes, locations for checkpoints on the roads to and from Juba, tasks and areas of responsibility for forces that will be responsible for the protection of Juba International Airport, frequency and routes for day and night patrols in Juba Town, were discussed and agreed.

The Government reiterated, during the workshop, its position on welcoming the deployment of the Regional Protection Force from any African country and not necessarily from Intergovernmental Authority on Development member countries. The Government is also ready to provide land upon the realignment of the status of forces agreement and upon the submission of a formal request by UNMISS.

The Transitional Government Council of Ministers, chaired by His Excellency, the President, considered it appropriate to update you on the practical steps the Government has taken after your recent visit to the Republic of South Sudan, as called for by the implementation of the signed Communiqué as well as Security Council resolution 2304 (2016).

Furthermore, I wish to commit myself to update the Security Council on an ongoing basis to underpin my Government's commitment to the implementation of the contents of our Joint Communiqué of 4 September 2016 and the specific issues with regard to resolution 2304 (2016).

I would highly appreciate it if you could share and disseminate the contents of this updating letter with your colleagues, members of the United Nations Security Council, in general, and those who accompanied you in your recent visit to Juba, in particular.

While awaiting a response from your end, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and that of my colleagues in the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

(*Signed*) Martin Elia **Lomurō**
Minister of Cabinet Affairs

Annex IV to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 16 October 2016 from the Minister of Cabinet Affairs of South Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council

I write in furtherance to the first update, dated 30 September 2016, in which I committed myself to update the Security Council on an ongoing basis to underpin my Government's commitment to the implementation of the contents of our Joint Communiqué of 4 September 2016 and the specific issues with regard to Council resolution 2304 (2016). In addition, we deem it appropriate to follow up the report of the Secretary-General on developments in South Sudan, dated 10 October 2016, which he submitted to the President of the Council and transmitted for the information of Council members. The report provides a relevant opportunity, as I update the Council regarding the progress made so far by the Transitional Government of National Unity in the implementation of the Joint Communiqué and resolution 2304 (2016), specifically, as follows:

1. *Scope of the tasks of the Regional Protection Force*. The Government has repeatedly reiterated its position on welcoming the deployment of the Regional Protection Force, not necessarily from the Intergovernmental Authority on Development countries but from within the continent, as is the "norm" with United Nations force deployment the world over. So far, agreement for joint Transitional Government of National Unity-United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) Regional Protection Force protection of major installations, such as Juba International Airport, essential roads, patrols and checkpoints, has been reached. The statement in the Secretary-General's report to the Council that the Transitional Government is placing limitations on the demilitarization of certain civilian installations is misleading. The spirit adopted by the Transitional Government and UNMISS teams has proved to be cementing the cooperation and partnership between the two organizations and should be encouraged rather than frustrated. I therefore assert that the consent of the Government for the deployment of the Force has been very firm and consistent, not constantly changing, as indicated in the Secretary-General's report. The Transitional Government intends to establish a common understanding with UNMISS on key elements of resolution 2304 (2016), with special attention to the Force mandate to avoid misunderstandings in the future. Hence, the position of the Transitional Government on this matter remains firm and committed.

2. *Allocation of land for the Regional Protection Force and renewal of the land lease for the UNMISS Tongping compound*. The Transitional Government of National Unity acknowledges receipt of the request from UNMISS for the allocation of land to accommodate the Regional Protection Force. In this respect, the Transitional Government confirms that its technical team has discussed the request and is due to share its views with UNMISS. The Transitional Government envisages no obstacle with regard to this critical matter.

As to the renewal of the UNMISS Tongping compound land lease, the Transitional Government is facing two challenges, namely: (a) the current UNMISS

Tongping compound is a combination of private plots and the Juba International Airport expansion area. Regarding the private plots, the government of Jubek state has been engaged and its response is being awaited; and (b) Juba International Airport is undergoing development and expansion to meet International Civil Aviation Organization standards and other related international safety considerations.

However, I am delighted to report that UNMISS has been given 1.0 x 2.0 square kilometres of land where the current Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General is located. The size — and there is the potential for increase — and the location of the new UNMISS compound are deemed to be more appropriate and comfortable.

While the renewal of the UNMISS Tongping land lease has no relevance to UNMISS mandate execution, as stated in the report of the Secretary-General, I wish to advise that in South Sudan, like elsewhere in the world, land ownership is administered according to law.

The Transitional Government cannot dislodge a citizen from his/her legally owned plot; it can only do so with the consent of the legal owner. Otherwise, the Government will be in violation of the Bill of Rights stipulated in the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan. Nevertheless, should the Transitional Government fail to resolve the challenges it faces to renew the land lease of the UNMISS Tongping compound, it sees no operational obstructions for UNMISS to relocate to the new site.

3. *Troop-contributing countries and the acceptance by Ethiopia, Kenya and Rwanda to contribute troops for the Regional Protection Force.* The Transitional Government acknowledges receipt of the advisory note from the United Nations Security Council to the effect that Rwanda, Kenya and Ethiopia have expressed interest in contributing troops for the Regional Protection Force assigned to the Republic of South Sudan. The Transitional Government expresses its gratitude to the Council and has the honour to confirm that concerns regarding the acceptance by the Transitional Government of the troops of contributing countries have also been taken into account for decision-making. The Transitional Government wishes to convey to the Council that its technical team is finalizing the various related issues and will confirm its final position on the matter within 14 days, as ordered by His Excellency, the President of the Republic.

4. *Removal of impediments to the ability of UNMISS to implement its mandate.* The position of the Transitional Government, as set forth in the Joint Transitional Government — Security Council Communiqué of 4 September 2016, remains unchanged, that is, to permit free movement of UNMISS in conformity with its mandate.

The inclusion of Joint Verification and Monitoring Mechanism liaison personnel in convoys to Eastern and Western Equatoria is intended to remove obstructions and solve problems en route, because the personnel are the coordinators between UNMISS and the Transitional Government.

The Transitional Government is disappointed that the Secretary-General should label the participation of the Joint Verification and Monitoring Mechanism in convoys as a violation of the status-of-forces agreement rather than a positive

mechanism to facilitate the process, unless there are reasons unknown to the Transitional Government as to why the Secretary-General wants UNMISS to travel in exclusion of the Joint Verification and Monitoring Mechanism or government presence.

5. *Humanitarian access, elimination of illegal checkpoints and review of modalities for streamlining bureaucratic processes and access to populations in need.* The position of the Transitional Government, as set forth in the Joint Transitional Government-Security Council Communiqué of 4 September 2016, remains unchanged, that is, it is committed to improving humanitarian access, including by providing assistance in eliminating illegal checkpoints and by reviewing, in consultation with the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator, modalities for streamlining bureaucratic processes and access to populations in need.

In this respect, His Excellency, the President of the Republic of South Sudan, Salva Kiir Mayardit, issued Republican Order No. 23/2016 on 15 October 2016, establishing the Humanitarian High-level Oversight Committee, headed by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, to safeguard and guarantee unhindered and unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance across the entire country.

The Humanitarian High-level Oversight Committee is entrusted with the following terms of reference:

(a) To ensure that the non-governmental organization desk operates effectively and smoothly to achieve its objectives;

(b) To remove all roadblocks and the illegal imposition of taxes on humanitarian convoys;

(c) To instruct and direct all state and local governments to cooperate with humanitarian agencies and personnel and ensure their safety;

(d) To render any available assistance to the officials and personnel engaged in the unhindered and unrestricted delivery of humanitarian services;

(e) To ensure that any person found to obstruct the delivery of humanitarian assistance faces the full force of the law.

6. *Civil aviation regulations prohibiting the operation of aircraft older than 20 years in the Republic of South Sudan.* The civil aviation regulations were put in place for safety considerations and for the protection of the environment. It is worth noting that South Sudan has experienced several fatal accidents owing to the use of old aircraft and poor service in its space. The concern of the World Food Programme that these regulations may severely impact the movement of humanitarian actors and the delivery of food across the country is being considered as a special case, considering its stringent aircraft service regime.

7. Finally,

7.1 The Transitional Government would like to reiterate that it is fully committed to translate the provisions of the Communiqué to improve the freedom of movement of UNMISS on the ground and that its commitment will never amount to business as usual.

7.2 The Transitional Government wishes to point out that since its engagement and subsequent signing of the 4 September 2016 Communique, it continued to develop operational modalities with UNMISS, as agreed. Unfortunately, the Security Council consistently signals doubts and shows absolutely no appreciation for the positive steps already taken. This modus operandi frustrates cooperation and should be reconsidered.

7.3 The Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan stipulates political and good governance reforms that are cardinal in the reform agenda of the Transitional Government. Its implementation therefore is central to the political objectives of the Transitional Government, supported by strong political will.

7.4 The Transitional Government has repeatedly explained the non-existence of the ethnic dimension associated with the conflict in South Sudan. The Government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in Opposition enjoy membership across the ethnic composition of South Sudan. Today, there are members of the Nuer community being hosted in Dinka areas such as the Greater Warrap, the home of President Salva Kiir Mayardit.

7.5 The Security Council should instead urge stakeholders who have defected and declared war against the Government, using ethnicity as their political instrument, to join hands with the Government in the implementation of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan. The Transitional Government takes this opportunity to reiterate its call for the Council to denounce and strongly condemn Riek Machar, Lam Akol and their followers for their persistence in continuing armed struggle in South Sudan, in favour of political discourse.

7.6 The Transitional Government affirms that the Sudan People's Liberation Army is not conducting military operations in any part of the country since the declaration of the Permanent Ceasefire Agreement and the Transitional Security Arrangements, except in self-defence.

7.7 The Security Council should be assured that the leadership of South Sudan rejects war, as repeatedly announced by the President, and that the leadership considers the interests of the people of South Sudan as its top priority, because they have suffered enough over many years of struggle for freedom and independence.

7.8 The political leadership of the country, at the level of the President, has repeatedly declared that it is for peace and not war. The leadership is well aware about the fact that the people of South Sudan have suffered enough and that it is high time for them to enjoy the dividends of peace and stability. In this context, the Transitional Government has agreed to a new spirit of cooperation with the region and the international community, especially the United Nations, to advance the interests of the South Sudanese people, particularly their aspiration for justice, liberty

and prosperity, as set forth in the Joint Transitional Government-Security Council Communiqué of 4 September 2016.

7.9 To that effect, the policy direction declared by the President of the Republic is for the Transitional Government to continuously engage UNMISS and other relevant stakeholders, to finalize the agreed modalities and strategies, as outlined in my first update, particularly on the establishment of a "one-stop shop", to manage all the Security Council concerns with regard to the provision of visas and clearances, unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance, security arrangements, cantonment, unification and demobilization of forces, and harmonization of Juba security arrangements, including establishment of the Joint Integrated Police/Joint Operations Centre.

7.10 To expedite the implementation of all the provisions of the joint Security Council-Transitional Government of National Unity Communiqué of 4 September 2016, His Excellency, The President of the Republic of South Sudan, issued Republican Order No. 24/2016 on 15 October 2016, in which he directed and instructed the Ministerial Committee of the Transitional Government of National Unity, charged with the responsibility of its implementation, to complete its work within 14 days from the date of its signature by the President.

In conclusion, thank you for the rare opportunity to address you on this matter of critical importance to the Republic of South Sudan, its leadership and people. I trust and humbly request that you circulate this second update, which I submit on behalf of my Government, to your colleagues, the members of the Security Council. Otherwise, I look forward to receiving a response from you and please do accept the assurances of my highest consideration and that of my colleagues in the Transitional Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

(*Signed*) Martin Elia **Lomurō**
Minister of Cabinet Affairs

Annex V to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 19 October 2016 from the Minister of Cabinet Affairs of South Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council

I write, following my letter of 16 October 2016, specifically with reference to the issue of troop-contributing countries in relation to the implementation of Security Council resolution 2304 (2016). I can now confirm the acceptance of His Excellency, President Salva Kiir Mayardit, for Rwanda, Kenya and Ethiopia to contribute troops for the Regional Protection Force, as requested by the Security Council in its note verbale of 22 September 2016.

As you are aware, His Excellency, the President, ordered the Transitional Government of National Unity team charged with the responsibility of articulating modalities for the implementation of resolution 2304 (2016), including preparations for the arrival of the Regional Protection Force, to complete its work within 14 days from 16 October 2016. It is my understanding that His Excellency, the President, will engage his colleagues in the region on the details of this and other related matters.

Allow me also to take this opportunity to clarify the position of the Transitional Government regarding the UNMISS Tongping compound. It is not true that the Transitional Government intends to evict UNMISS from its current location. My Government recognizes that such a drastic action would be seriously disruptive to UNMISS operations. While seeking land-lease renewal from the landlords, the Government is also launching a joint effort with UNMISS to develop a long-term solution to resolve the private property claims and South Sudan's property development goals for that site. I sincerely hope that the Security Council will understand our position in this regard.

I look forward to further update you on issues related to the joint Security Council-Transitional Government of National Unity Communiqué of 4 September 2016. In the meantime, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and that of my colleagues in the Transitional Government of National Unity.

(*Signed*) Martin Elia **Lomurö**
Minister of Cabinet Affairs

Annex VI to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Note verbale dated 15 October 2016 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan addressed to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

The Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Headquarters — Juba

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Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan presents its compliments to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and has the honour to communicate the following:

(1) The Transitional Government of National Unity acknowledges receipt of the latter's request for land to accommodate the Regional Protection Force. In this respect, the Transitional Government confirms that its technical team has discussed the request and is due to share its views with UNMISS;

(2) On the renewal of the UNMISS land lease, the Transitional Government of National Unity is pleased to report that UNMISS has been allocated 1.0 x 2.0 square kilometres of land where the current Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General is located. The current Tongping area comprises lands belonging to individuals and part of Juba International Airport (which is undergoing expansion). The Transitional Government therefore deems it more appropriate to relocate UNMISS to a much bigger and convenient location, as indicated above.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Mission to South Sudan the assurances of its highest consideration.

15 October 2016

United Nations Mission to South Sudan
Juba

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations
New York

Cc: Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations
New York

Annex VII to the note verbale dated 20 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Note verbale dated 15 October 2016 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan addressed to the Security Council

The Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Headquarters — Juba

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Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan presents its compliments to the United Nations Security Council and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the latter's advisory note to the effect that Rwanda, Kenya and Ethiopia, respectively, have expressed interest to contribute troops for the Regional Protection Force in the Republic of South Sudan.

(1) The Transitional Government of National Unity therefore confirms that concerns regarding the acceptance by the Transitional Government of troops by contributing countries have also been taken into account.

(2) The Transitional Government of National Unity wishes to convey to the Security Council that its Technical Working Group is finalizing its work on the various related issues and will confirm its final position on the matter within 14 days.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Security Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

15 October 2016

United Nations Security Council
New York

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations
New York

Cc: Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations
New York